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New Issues EUROPA 2023

PEACE — THE HIGHEST VALUE OF HUMANITY

ISLE OF MAN 1v from a set of 6v

Issue date
5 July 2023



The following is taken from the Europa Blogspot:

NOTE : this stamp bears the PostEurop's 30th anniversary logo

NOTE-2 : this stamp is part of a larger set celebrating the 50 years of the Isle of Man postal administration.

Most of the other stamps from this set features older Europa stamps (stamp on stamps) issued by the Isle of Man; also this year's Europa stamp on the 6th stamp !

Stamp 1 – Europa CEPT stamp from 1976

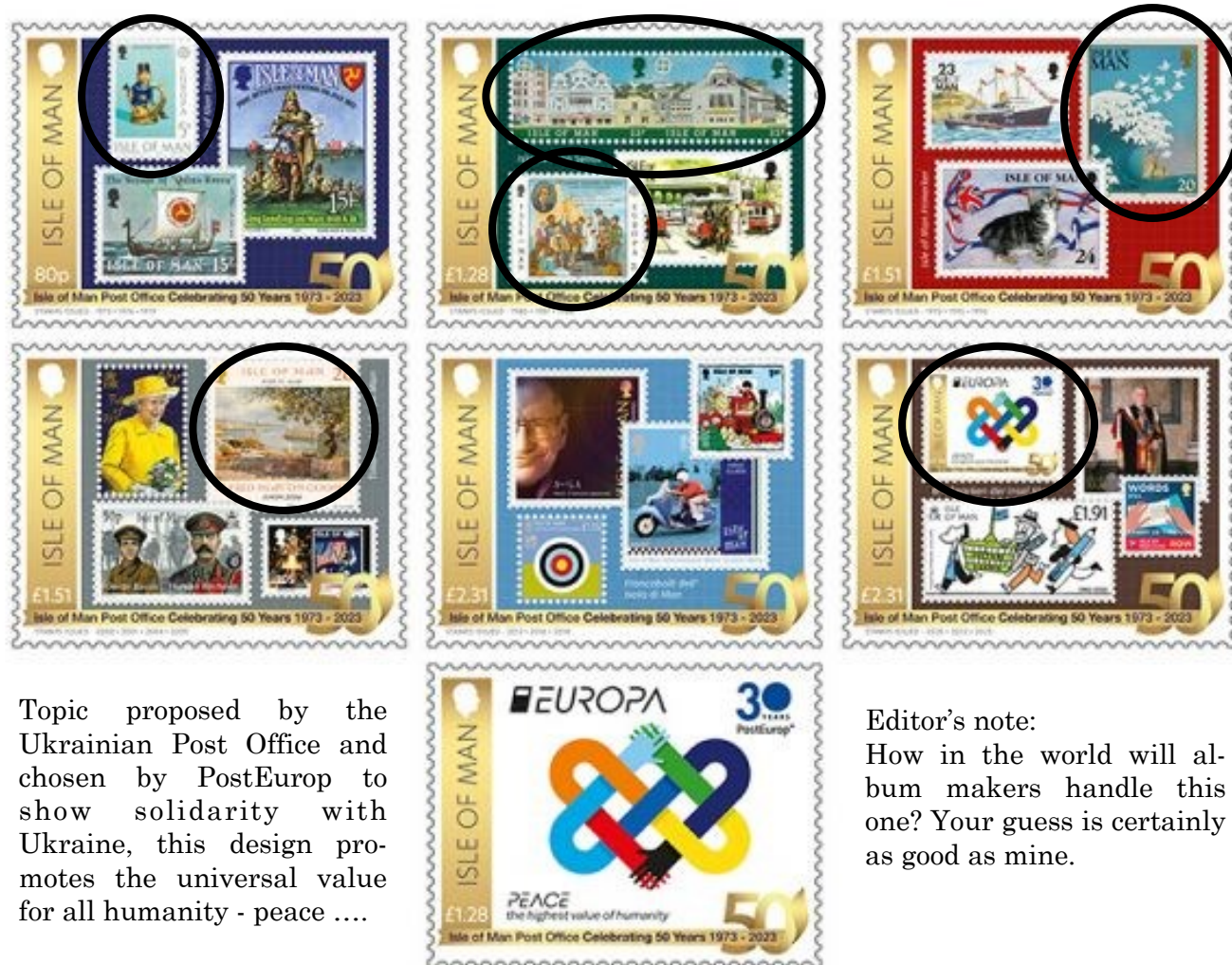
Stamp 2 – Europa CEPT stamp from 1980 & 1987

Stamp 3 – Europa stamp from 1995 theme "Peace and Freedom" which shares similar sentiment to this year's theme.

Stamp 4 – Europa stamp from 2004

Stamp 5 – no Europa stamp displayed

Stamp 6 – Europa stamp from 2023



Topic proposed by the Ukrainian Post Office and chosen by PostEurop to show solidarity with Ukraine, this design promotes the universal value for all humanity - peace

Editor's note:

How in the world will album makers handle this one? Your guess is certainly as good as mine.

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PEACE — THE HIGHEST VALUE
OF HUMANITY

New Issues

European Anniversaries and Events

GREENLAND 2v +2v self-adhesive

Issue date 30 May 2023



The second design was produced by young Danish artist Martin Brandt Hansen

ESTONIA 1v

Issue date
25 May 2023



KAZAKHSTAN 1v

Issue date
1 June 2023



GEORGIA 1v

Issue date
16 June 2023



ESTONIA 1v

Issue date 2 June 2023

Finland Joins the NATO Alliance



Finland became the thirty-first member state of NATO on 4 April 2023, when Finnish Minister of Foreign Affairs Pekka Haavisto handed over Finland's instrument of accession to NATO to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Brussels.

According to Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, Finland's accession to NATO is an historic event for our northern neighbors, the Baltic Sea region, and NATO in general. 'It is also an important day for Estonia. Estonia and Finland have always been close friends and now, we are NATO allies. This will strengthen our common security as well as the security of the whole Euro-Atlantic region,' said Kallas. 'Finland's membership of NATO also means that we will have new opportunities to strengthen our bilateral defense cooperation. Estonia and Finland are closer than ever before.'

Finland joined NATO on a symbolic day, 4 April, when NATO members also celebrate NATO Day each year. The North Atlantic Treaty, or Washington Treaty, establishing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, was signed 74 years ago.

— from *Omniva (EESTI Post)*

"New opportunities to strengthen our bilateral defense cooperation" is a diplomatic reference to Russia's incursion into Ukraine, and what that could mean to the security of the EU. See article on page 14.

New Issues
SEPAC 2023
Traditional Markets

GUERNSEY

1v from a set of 4v, + ms of 10v

Issue date 7 July 2023



Guernsey's traditional markets are depicted on a new set of stamps designed by Guernsey artist Chris Griffiths. Based on original photographs, the stamps depict the range of colourful, local produce on offer at Guernsey's vibrant markets, which continue to draw the crowds and visiting traders.

French traders travel to Guernsey several times a year to sell their wares at the Normandie Market on North Beach (56p stamp). Islanders and visitors can soak up the French atmosphere and take home a piece of Normandie with tasty treats such as French bread, pastries, crepes, fresh fruit, olives, and garlic.

Visitors to Lé Viaër Marchi, or old market in Saumarez Park, may feel as though they are stepping back in time and can expect to see spinners, woodworkers, lacemakers, willow whittlers and skep makers in action, dressed in traditional costume and showcasing how Guernsey men and women used to live (87p stamp).

Fishing remains a vital industry for the island and freshly caught fish and seafood is found in abundance, from common Bass to the famous Guernsey Ormer (shellfish). The thriving Fish Market (£2.42 stamp), which operated from a covered market hall in the upper end of Fountain Street, was once an important part of the island's history; fishermen would bring their silver-skinned catch of the day to sell to locals and visitors alike. **This stamp carries the logo of SEPAC** and forms part of a joint stamp issue, also entitled 'Traditional Markets'. (£2.42 stamp).

Today, Market Square, which was built in the 1770s (£3.85 stamp), is the location for the island's Fresh Friday Market and offers an abundance of traditional produce, street food and arts and crafts. The market traders who pitch up in the lively hub of Market Square offer a wide range of produce including fruit and veg, fresh fish, pickles, jams and Guernsey reared pork, as well as street food.

—from Guernsey Post



Guernsey, Jersey, et al. consider their complete issue to be part of SEPAC, even though only one has the logo. That said, the SEPAC logo stamp gets special treatment, in that it is offered singly in a sheet of ten.

New Issues

European Cooperation — Poland in Space

POLAND ms of 4

Issue date 7 February 2023

One of the ongoing areas of cooperation among nations has been the European Space Agency (ESA). This mini-sheet from Poland highlights some of the areas of activity.

EarthCARE (Earth Clouds, Aerosols and Radiation Explorer) is a planned joint European/Japanese satellite, the sixth of ESA's Earth Explorer Program. The goal of the mission is the observation and characterization of clouds and aerosols, and measuring the reflected solar radiation and the infrared radiation emitted from Earth's surface and atmosphere.

Originally, EarthCARE was intended to be launched on a Russian Soyuz rocket from the Guyana Space Center. After Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, launches from Guyana were suspended, and ESA planned to launch EarthCARE on a Falcon 9 rocket instead.

BRITE-Constellation is an ongoing space mission carrying out two-band photometry in wide fields with a constellation of six (presently, three operational) BRiGht Target Explorer nanosatellites. The mission was built by a consortium of three countries, Canada, Austria, and Poland, each operating two BRITE satellites. The six satellites were launched into low-Earth orbits between February 2013 and August 2014.



Proba-3 is a technological demonstration mission by the European Space Agency devoted to high precision formation flying, to achieve scientific coronagraphy.

It is part of the series of PROBA satellites that are being used to validate new spacecraft technologies and concepts while also carrying scientific instruments.

OPS-SAT is a CubeSat by the European Space Agency, intended to demonstrate the improvements in mission control capabilities that will arise when satellites can fly more powerful on-board computers.

A flying laboratory, ESA's OPS-SAT is the first of its kind, with the sole purpose of testing and validating new techniques in mission control and on-board satellite systems. OPS-SAT is devoted to demonstrating drastically improved mission control capabilities, that will arise when satellites can fly more powerful on-board computers. The satellite is only 30cm (12") high, but it contains an experimental computer ten times more powerful than any current ESA spacecraft.

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